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Vessels for which approval is given for research shall comply with the Australian Ship Reporting System. The vessel shall also report the following details to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre within the stated time frames:

- . position report every 24 hours at a time to be determined
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- . intention to enter port - 36 hours in advance (except in emergency)
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..... Requests for visits by any vessel covered by these guidelines shall be accompanied by the details set out in Annex A. Details set out in Annex A shall be provided as early as possible but generally a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed port visit or expected starting date of the marine scientific research project. The details set out in Annex B shall be provided no less than two months before the proposed port visit or expected starting date of the proposed marine scientific research project.

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ANNEX A

INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY A REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS BY FOREIGN RESEARCH VESSELS OR TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA, OR ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OR RESEARCH RELATED TO FISHERIES IN THE AUSTRALIAN FISHING ZONE.

Information to be provided at least six months in advance in support of a request for access by a research vessel to a port in Australia or its territories or for a research vessel to undertake marine scientific research in the territorial sea, on the continental shelf (including seismic profiles) or research related to fisheries in the Australian Fishing Zone (AFZ).

- . Name of vessel
- . Type and class of vessel
- . Name of Captain
- * . Full names (in English), nationality and birth date and place in full of all crew members and their positions on board.
- * . Full names (in English), nationalities and birth place and date in full of all passengers including scientific and technical personnel. (Curriculum vitae should also be provided).

* (a) In the case of the USSR, full names should include patronymic.

(b) In the case of the People's Republic of China, lists should include Chinese Commercial Code (CCC) numbers or characters along with the names.

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- . Length, breadth, and maximum loaded draught of vessel.
- . Source of motive power
- . Radio, radar and sonar frequencies, transmitted power, type of modulation and pulse length/repetition frequency of equipment intended for use in Australian ports or in areas over which Australia has jurisdiction.
- . Itinerary of movements within the Australian territorial sea and the AFZ, or in respect of the Australian continental shelf, and of any visits to any ports or any other landings envisaged in Australia and/or its territories together with any deployment of equipment and its removal from particular research areas.
- . Name of ship's agent.
- . A full description of the nature and objectives of the research project.
- . The method and means to be used and a description of scientific equipment.
- . Details of any radio-active or hazardous substances on board.
- . The precise geographical areas in which the activities are to be conducted.
- . The name of the sponsoring institution (including international bodies e.g. the United Nations, other countries and whether national or private, e.g. universities), its director and the person in charge of the research project.
- . What opportunities there are for Australian scientists to participate or be represented in the research project.
- . Names of any scientific organisations or personnel contacted or to be contacted in Australia.

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- . Proposals to allow Australian scientists to board the vessel and inspect the research equipment carried.
- . Proposals to make available to Australia the results, both preliminary and final, of research, including those relating to bathymetric and bottom profiling studies; proposals to provide copies of such data and to provide samples; proposals to provide an assessment of data, samples and research results or provide assistance in their assessment or interpretation.
- . Details of any relationship between the research project and an agreement between Australia and the requesting State.

ANNEX B

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ADDITIONAL OR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED NO LESS THAN TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE PROPOSED PORT VISIT OR EXPECTED STARTING DATE OF THE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECT, IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE AUSTRALIAN FISHING ZONE

- . Full description of vessel including its configuration (colour photograph to be provided), present colour (hull, superstructure etc.) and details of any markings.
- . Full displacement tonnage.
- . International call sign and its location.
- . Name of doctor embarked, if any.
- . Last port of call before Australia and first port of call after leaving Australia.
- . Any amendments to any proposed research program.
- . Any amendments to crew list previously supplied.
- . Any amendments to passenger/scientific personnel previously advised.
- . Any amendments to itinerary previously advised.
- . Proposed time of entering the AFZ, point of entry and transit path to first port call, if applicable.
- . Times of entry into/departure from Australian port.
- . Fuel requirements.



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